PREFACE.

The Birthday Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly for the year 1921-22 was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore beginning on Thursday, the 8th June 1922, under the presidency of the Dewan, Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.

2. The following statement gives details regarding the number of members returned by each of the electorates, and the number actually present at the Session :—

Electorates	Number due	Number actually returned	Number present
1. From 68 Taluks and nine Sub-Taluks ...	163	158	122
2. From 61 Municipalities	72	62	49
3. From 8 District Boards and the K. G. F. Sanitary Board	18	18	15
4. From 25 Associations	25	22	13
5. From other bodies representing special interests ...	4	4	3
Total ...	282	264	202

3. The Members of Government and Heads of Departments attended the meetings as usual. Some of the European and Indian guests of His Highness the Maharaja and leading citizens of Mysore and other visitors were also present on the opening day.

4. The proceedings commenced at 12 noon, when the Dewan delivered the address to the Assembly in English and copies of its Kannada translation were distributed to the members.

5. At the close of the address Mr. K. T. Seshaiya of Belur congratulated the President, Mr. A. R. Banerji, on his elevation to the Dewanship and assured him of the hearty co-operation of the members in the work of the Administration.

6. Eighteen questions received from members as interpellations were printed with replies and distributed on 8th June 1922. (The interpellations and answers are printed as Appendix A)

7. At the request of a majority of the members, the discussion of the subjects was then taken up for the rest of the day. On the 9th, 10th and 11th June the draft budget for the year 1922-23 was discussed. Six special subjects placed by Government before the Assembly, and the remaining subjects on the agenda were discussed on the 12th and 13th idem.

8. A summary of discussions with the replies of Government on all subjects which were discussed will be found at pages 1 to 43 of this volume, and the subjects not discussed owing to the absence of the proposers or for other causes are printed at pages 44 to 71. A summary of the discussions on the budget is printed as Appendix B.

9. The following six special subjects were placed before the Assembly on 12th June 1922 for discussion :—

1. Reduction of property qualifications for election to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.
2. Improvements in the procedure of the Representative Assembly with a view to facilitate disposal of business.
3. Improvement of Land Revenue pending re-settlement.
4. Re-imposition of fees in Middle Schools and raising fees in High Schools and Colleges.
5. Levy of Court Fees in Village Courts.
6. Introduction of an Irrigation Act.

At the request of the members, the second subject was referred to a select committee of 10 members elected by the Assembly. The resolutions of the committee were discussed on the 13th June 1922. The notes and discussions on these special subjects are printed as Appendix C.

10. The discussions came to a close on the 13th June 1922, when the Dewan made a few remarks summarising the proceedings of the meeting.

The Dewan's concluding remarks are printed as Appendix G.

11. Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan stated that the Dewan was mainly instrumental in the inauguration of the Educational Reforms and expressed a desire that speedy effect should be given to them. He requested the President to convey to His Highness the Maharaja the feelings of loyalty and devotion cherished by the members. Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao congratulated the Dewan on the interesting and instructive address delivered by him and conveyed the hearty thanks of the Assembly for the patient hearing and the replies given to the members during the discussion.

12. The Session closed at 5-30 P.M., on the 13th June 1922, with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja.

K. MATHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.